

EDITORS CLAIM THE TRUST RAISED PRICE

THE PAPER MANUFACTURERS DENY THAT A COMBINE WAS FORMED.

PROOF MAY BE SUBMITTED

Publishers View Situation With Genuine Alarm—Newsprinters Face Failure Unless Increases Checked Early.

Washington—Charges that the price of news print paper has been forced exorbitantly by a combination of manufacturers were denied by publishers and denied by representatives of the manufacturers at a hearing which concluded an exhaustive inquiry into the subject by the Federal Trade Commission.

Frank P. Glass, of Birmingham, vice president of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association, told the commission he was "morally convinced" there was collusion among the manufacturers and expected to be able by October 1 to present legal proof of it.

P. T. Dodge, president of the International Paper Company, declared high prices were due to an enormous increase in demand, and insisted that the manufacturers were not making a fair return on their capital.

The commission undertook the investigation under direction of a congressional resolution and will begin work immediately drafting a report to be submitted at the earliest possible moment.

Other witnesses at the hearing included J. H. Zerby, chairman of the white paper committee of the National Editorial Association, and representatives of the Pennsylvania Associated Dailies; E. R. Stoll, manager of the Pittsburgh Publishers' Association; G. N. Andrews of the Eastern, Pa., Free Press; W. L. Tushington of the Camden, N. J., Courier; Charles B. Spatz of the Boyertown, Pa., Weekly, and George F. Steele, secretary, and Timothy A. Ansberry, counsel for the News Print Manufacturers' Association.

Mr. Glass said his associates viewed the situation with extreme alarm and had recommended retrenchment in consumption by smaller editions, abolishing returns and circulation activity.

Increases of 25 to 35 per cent on contracts and sometimes 100 per cent on emergency orders, he declared, had destroyed the profits of most newspapers, and already had driven some to the wall.

One western paper, he said, reported an increased paper cost of \$250,000 annually. He claimed it was almost impossible for a publisher to get quotations except from the mill he usually dealt with.

Mr. Zerby charged favoritism in the sale of paper, and declared present prices vary widely according to the whim of the manufacturer, the discrepancy running from two to six cents a pound. He added that while some publishers can hardly buy paper for cash even at exorbitant rates, others have made two and three-year contracts at favored terms.

He thought it apparent that manufacturers had united to force publishers to deal only with the mill they were accustomed to patronize, and that any further increase beyond five per cent would force many of the smaller papers under 20,000 circulation into bankruptcy.

In defense of the manufacturers, Mr. Dodge explained that \$1,000,000 worth of paper was held in stock by his company as a necessary safeguard for contracts in hand, but said the reserve had been depleted from 37,000 tons to 17,000 in order to afford relief and that all new orders, including contracts for nearly 100,000 tons from abroad, had been refused.

The great difficulty, he said, was that a very sudden and unexpected demand, increasing the country's paper consumption over 20 per cent in the past year, had entirely outrun the available supply.

Moreover, nearly every item of expense in manufacture had been increased, and the import of timber bought in Canada for manufacture had been forbidden by Canadian authorities shortly after the American duty on Canadian paper was removed.

No new mills had been built in the past year, he said, as it was impossible to make a fair return on capital.

Osteopaths in Session.

Kansas City—With sectional study conferences and clinics held in the hospitals of the city, the annual convention of the American Osteopathic Association held its first regular meeting here Aug. 1. About 3,000 osteopaths were in attendance.

Banner Year For Sugar.

Honolulu—Continued indications that 1916 will be the banner year for Hawaiian sugar producers were shown in figures given out here Aug. 1 by the Honolulu Stock Exchange. Fifty-two Hawaiian plantations, the tabulations showed, paid a total of \$2,500,000 in dividends during July. Of this amount 29 corporations which are listed on the Honolulu and San Francisco stock exchanges paid \$1,471,500.

Eighteen deaths and 36 prostrations were reported in St. Louis as caused by excessive heat on Aug. 1.

SAILS ON HER WAY HOME

The German Submarine Deutschland Gets Away From Baltimore Without Encountering Mishap.

Baltimore.—The Deutschland sailed August first, homeward bound. Slipping along the surface of the water like a slim green water snake, her own power kicking her forward, the little U boat dropped down the Patuxent river at 6 p.m.

Pro-German or pro-ally, no man who saw her go could hardly help breathing in his heart of hearts a little prayer of goodspeed.

She seemed so tiny and so fragile as compared to the big hulks around her, and yet so bold and defiant as she went, catching the water with her green nose, and flitting it high in air white beads, that no man could possibly find it in him to wish her harm.

Her captain, the brave Koenig, the weather-beaten little mariner, who brought the Deutschland safely into port here three weeks ago when all the world said such a thing could not possibly be done, stood in the conning tower as the U boat crawled out to sea. Beside him stood the Baltimore pilot, who was showing the way out. From Newport News it was reported from a source usually regarded as reliable that a Virginia pilot had been engaged to bring the submarine Deutschland to Newport News on her arrival at Old Point.

The navy department at Washington received a report from the destroyer Sterritt, in Hampton Roads, saying the tug Thomas F. Timmins had reported that "the submarine had passed out of the capes and past the three-mile limit at 8:30 p. m. Aug. 2."

BREMEN EXPECTED HERE SOON.

Report From Same Source Which Predicted Deutschland.

New York.—In confirmation of the story of July 26 to the effect that the Bremen, second of the line of German merchant submarines scheduled to run between Germany and the United States, definite word has now been received that the Bremen will make her appearance in an American port. It is said the Bremen left a German port July 10.

SAYS BUSINESS SATISFACTORY.

Monthly Summary of Business By Federal Reserve Board.

Washington.—The monthly summary of business prepared by the federal reserve board Aug. 1 from reports from the agents of the twelve federal reserve districts shows domestic demand gradually taking the place of foreign orders.

"The present trend of business is more along the line of conservatism which bankers and business men have been urging," the summary stated. "It tends to a more permanent prosperity." The pressure to place new orders and to stock up heavily which was so prevalent a month or two ago is disappearing.

"The general business outlook is satisfactory. Crops are better than average in most districts, and the labor situation is satisfactory everywhere except New York, where garment workers are on strike, and San Francisco, where strikes continue or the water front."

MARSHALLED IN FREIGHT TRAIN.

Prospector Rescued From Population From Flames.

Halleybury, Ontario.—Stories of heroism in the fire-swept regions of Northern Ontario and tales of how the flames swept through forests and towns are being received here. William Fairbank, a prospector, rescued part of the population of the village of Matheson by marshalling them in a freight train standing on a side track. The train carried them through burning forests to safety.

HELD IN BOMB PLOT.

Coroner's Jury Establishes That Eight Were Killed.

San Francisco.—Warren R. Killings, ex-convict, and Edward D. Nolan, former labor leader, were formally charged with murder in the police court here following the police investigation into the bomb explosion that killed eight and wounded 40 during the San Francisco preparedness parade.

Preparations were also made to place similar charges against Thomas J. Mooney and Rena Mooney, his wife.

Opens at Portland.

Portland, Ore.—The supreme lodge, Knights of Pythias, began its twenty-ninth biennial convention here Aug. 1, and carried out a program that kept the members busy. In conjunction with the supreme lodge, the supreme temple, Pythian Sisters and the Grand Lodge of Oregon also called their conventions to order.

Thirty-One To Enter Colleges.

Peking.—Thirty-one young men were graduated this year from the Tsing Hua College, an institution maintained with the Boxer indemnity money refunded to China by the United States, and they will leave for America in a few weeks to enter various colleges and universities in America.

Paul S. Reinsch, the American minister, Tsao-Ju-lin, the acting minister for foreign affairs, and C. C. Wang of the board of communications, who was educated in America, addressed the young graduates.

SIXTY LEFT DEAD FROM CLOUDBURST

THE WATERS SWEEP THROUGH VALLEY IN EASTERN PART OF TENNESSEE.

MANY ARE LEFT HOMELESS

Property Loss Will Reach Approximately \$100,000—Water Over the Little Valley of Blair's Creek, Homes Washed Away.

Knoxville, Tenn.—With 60 known dead and a property loss of \$100,000, the people of Big Barren Creek, in Claiborne county, are many of them, homeless and stricken with sorrow.

Following a rainstorm in which 11 inches of rain is reported by the weather bureau officials to have fallen, a flood which tore away a 55-foot dam surged down the valley, carrying ruin in its wake. The dead—Mrs. Crockett Edmondson, her four children, and two grandchildren, the Misses Lillie and Minnie Wiley, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Wiley of Monroe, Mich.; Robert Jackson and wife, Frank Cupp and wife, Robert Walker and family of eight, Bush Ferguson and wife and seven children, W. P. Zachery and wife and five children, unknown girl, three years of age, Arthur Johnson and wife and three children, Cornell McBee and wife and seven children.

A man and wife and five children in an isolated section are known to be drowned. They are said to be Huse Birch and family.

Rescue parties returning from the stricken district report that the water is all over the little valley of Blair's Creek and that apparently every home along the creek for a distance of six miles has been washed away.

The damage was first reported to have been the result of a cloudburst, but although a hole 50 feet deep and 150 feet long was torn in the ground in one place, the people of that section believe that the storm was the hardest that could have been, without being a cloudburst. The flood waters confined in a narrow valley a quarter to a half mile wide surged to their outlet in Clinch river, 10 miles below, at which point the effect of the flood was dissipated. Five flouring mills and three sawmills, many residences and granaries and all the crops have been destroyed in the section. When isolated points have been heard from it is believed that the loss of human life will include more residents of the valley.

Rescue parties that went into the valley brought out a number who have been made homeless and these are being taken care of in Tazewell and in farm houses in that vicinity.

ST. LOUIS MAN CHOSEN.

Missouri Democrats Name Gardner For Governor of State.

St. Louis.—Frederick D. Gardner of St. Louis is the Democratic candidate for governor, chosen at the primary.

Complete returns from St. Louis and 75 of the 114 counties give Gardner a plurality of approximately 14,000 over John M. Atkinson, his nearest competitor.

Henry Lamm and John E. Swanger, both of Sedalia, are running close for the Republican gubernatorial nomination.

WOULD PROBE BEEF TRUST.

Representative Borland Demands Action Upon His Resolution.

Washington.—Representative Borland of Missouri renewed his charges of a beef trust in the house and demanded action on his resolution proposing an investigation of meat prices by the federal trade commission.

He declared the packers were dividing enormous dividends while they charged consumers war prices, and had tried to stifle the proposal for an inquiry because they feared publicity.

Casement Is Executed.

London.—Roger Casement, former British knight and consul, was hanged at 9 a. m. Aug. 3, in Pentonville jail for high treason. He was convicted of conspiring to cause an armed revolt in Ireland, and with having sought German aid to that end.

Hours before the execution a crowd of men, women and children gathered before the prison gates. At one minute after 9 a single stroke of a big bell announced that the trap had been sprung. It was the signal for a mocking, jeering yell from the crowd, which suddenly died away.

To Have a Gas Buoy.

Mobile, Ala.—The entrance to Mobile bay will be marked by a gas buoy, the first of its kind to be installed in the Gulf of Mexico, according to the Mobile Bay and Bay Pilots' Association. The buoy will flash a white light every ten seconds and will be placed by the lighthouse service.

Strawberry Crop Enormous.

Washington.—This year's strawberry crop of the United States was worth \$20,000,000.

BANDITS LEFT FOUR DEAD

Carranza Aided the Americans in Fight With Bandits Near Fort Hancock, Texas.

San Antonio.—Carranzistas and U. S. troops fought side by side in the engagement with Mexican bandits south of Fort Hancock, Tex., July 31, according to the official report from Brig. Gen. George Bell Jr., at El Paso, to Maj. Gen. Funston.

After the bandits had been surrounded in a ranch house on the American side of the Rio Grande River and an American customs guard had been killed, another customs guard named Boan ran down to the river bank and called to a detachment of Carranzistas on the Mexican side to come over and assist the American troops.

A captain and eight soldiers responded. They joined in the fighting, which became general. Soon, the report says, the bandits fled from the ranch house and retreated over the river, leaving behind four dead.

The American dead numbered two, Private John Tweney, F Troop, Eighth United States Cavalry, and Robert Woods, customs guard. Sgt. Lewis Thompson, F Troop, Eighth United States Cavalry, was seriously wounded. He was made the target of three bullets.

SETS LIFE TERM FREE

Georgia Governor Fulfills His Promise To Daughter of Danville Ex-Chief.

Atlanta.—Thomas Edgar Stripling, who served as chief of police of Danville, Va., for almost four of the fourteen years that he was an escaped convict, was granted a full pardon by Gov. Nat E. Harris here.

Since the first day that "Chief R. E. Morris" of Danville was brought back to Georgia to resume his life sentence as Stripling, attempts were made through three state administrations to have him pardoned. All these failed, however, until Gov. Harris went to Milledgeville in July, 1915, to inspect the state prison farm. While there one of Stripling's eight children, a girl of six, ran to him in the prison grounds and humbly pleaded to "please let my papa out because he is sick and we all need him so bad." The incident touched the aged governor and he promised to send your father back some time during his term.

After completing an exhaustive review of the case, Gov. Harris dispatched a letter to little Bessie Stripling and completed the case in its last sentence with "after all, it is the offering from the governor's heart to the love and innocence of a little child."

Stripling on Sept. 4, 1897, shot and killed W. J. Cornett, his neighbor in Harris County, Georgia. He fled through a window at Cornett's house. He surrendered at Columbus, Ga., a few days afterward and eventually was found guilty; sentenced for life.

184 PERSONS LOST LIVES

One Big Town Is Wiped Out and Many Villages Are Destroyed By Forest Fires.

Toronto.—With one town completely wiped out, another almost in ruins and a score of small settlements obliterated, Premier Hearst announces that 184 persons lost their lives in the forest fires in Northern Ontario.

Only a heavy rainfall on July 31 probably saved a great part of the homeless and the Dominion government has taken extraordinary measures to provide for the refugees.

Where the town of Matheson once stood there are only smoldering ruins and ashes. The country surrounding it is as barren as a desert. Only a few structures in the village of Cochrane remain standing.

The greatest loss of life occurred at Nushka and Monteth, partly in ruins, where 98 persons were burned to death. At Matheson 35 perished. Iniquis Falls, where great paper mills are located, was not entirely burned, as at first reported. The paper mills and one store were saved from the flames.

"The relief work throughout the district is well in hand," said the premier. "Everything possible is being done. We will spare no expense to give the necessary relief."

RUINS SWEEP BY FIRE

Preparations Are Under Way For Joint Federal, State, County and Municipal Investigation.

New York.—Fire broke out July 21 in the ruins on Black Tom Island, where Sunday's ammunition explosion occurred, and half the fire department of Jersey City, with fire boats from New York and New Jersey fought the flames, which centered about the pier. Preparations are under way at Jersey City for a joint federal, state, county and municipal investigation to fix the blame for the disaster which killed at least three men, injured scores, and caused approximately \$20,000,000 property damage.

GERMAN TRENCHES TAKEN.

French Repulse Counter Attacks in Somme Region.

Paris.—The French in the Somme region near Hardecourt have captured German trenches between Hardecourt and Hill 129 on a depth varying from 300 to 800 metres according to the official communication. Gains also were made by the French near the villages of Maurepas and Hem, which were held against powerful German counter-attacks.

GAME PRESERVE FOR TENNESSEE

HIGH OFFICIAL WILL CONFER WITH THE STATE GAME WARDEN.

CONTEST FOR LOCATION

Counties In Three Grand Divisions of the State Are Anxious To Have Preserve Located Within Their Borders.

—Nashville.

A. E. Quarles of New York, president and Director of the department of game breeding and preserving of the American Game Protective Association, will come to Tennessee in about two weeks to confer with State Game Warden and Fish Warden W. D. Houser in regard to the establishment of the state game preserve.

Warden Houser will invite a number of prominent men in Tennessee to meet Mr. Quarles and discuss matters in regard to a campaign or movement for conservation and preservation of game.

Warden Houser has had applications from counties in all three divisions of the state for the location of the state game preserve.

Blount, Knox and Washington counties, in East Tennessee, have made substantial propositions, while Maury and Davidson counties, in Middle Tennessee, will also offer material reasons why the preserve should be located in these counties.

In West Tennessee sportsmen in the counties of Hardeman, Obion, Haywood and Shelby have notified the game warden they would like to be heard from when the matter is to be determined.

The July crop report for Tennessee issued by Commissioner of Agriculture H. K. Bryson shows that the unseasonable weather in regard to rains is responsible for much deterioration in several crops when compared with their condition in July, 1915.

The yield of winter wheat is estimated at eight bushels per acre, compared with ten bushels per acre in 1915. While the Hessian fly did much damage, the incessant rain did further injury and delayed threshing until probably the latest date for many years. Farmers are, however, compensated in the reduced yield by the high price the grain is bringing. It is predicted that it will yet command \$1.50 per bushel.

Comptroller Thomason announced the semi-annual apportionment of state school funds and checks for the counties and various institutions were mailed. Including the semi-annual payment of interest on the permanent education fund of \$75,000 apportioned a week ago, the payments to the schools for six months will approximate one million dollars.

Under the general education act and amendments one-third of the gross revenues of the state is set aside Jan. 1 and July 1 of each year for schools of the state. The gross revenue of the state for six months this year was \$3,098,481.75. Receipts from charitable institutions and legal credits amounted to \$378,787.98, reducing the gross revenue to \$2,719,693.80. One-third of this amount is \$906,564.60. Of this sum \$532,004.40 is apportioned to 98 counties, while the remainder goes to the three state normals, the University of Tennessee, the Cookeville Polytechnic, high schools and school libraries.

Will Fill Unexpired Term.

Hunter Wilson, of Memphis, attorney general pro tem, while impeachment proceedings against Z. N. Estes were under way, was sent his commission as attorney general from Rye for the unexpired term.

Gen. Wilson's commission expires August 31, 1918. No change in his office force is contemplated.

Jefferson County Charter.

Charter: W. H. Bostwick Construction Co., Dandridge, Jefferson county; capital stock, \$25,000; incorporators, W. H. Bostwick, M. L. Beeler, B. L. Fontaine, N. H. Franklin, Charles A. Blackburn. To engage in general construction business.

Rye Is Waiting.

Having sought, but in vain, a compromise agreement with Mr. McKellar under which a campaign committee Gov. Rye now is pursuing a policy of watchful waiting and will appoint no campaign committee until after the August election.

Tennessee Troops To Border.

The Tennessee troops are going to the border. This is an assured fact, both as to their location upon arrival at the border and the time when they will depart from Camp Tom C. Rye. The specified time is given as "between Aug. 10 and 15," but it is generally believed that the Tennessee troops will entrain on Aug. 13.

A camp site is being laid out for the soldiers of Tennessee near El Paso by officers of the Thirty-ninth Infantry, U. S. A.

SWAMP-ROOT

Is not recommended for everything, but if you have kidney, liver or bladder trouble it may be found just the remedy you need. At druggists in fifty cent and dollar sizes. You may receive a sample size bottle of this reliable medicine, 1/2 Parcel Post, also pamphlet telling about it. Address Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., and enclose ten cents, also mention this paper.

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Appreciation of a Prodigy.

"Billiglas is still talking about the bright things his boy says." "Well, I envy him. It must be great to have a boy who entertains himself thinking of bright things instead of banging on the cellar door with a board or experimenting with a shotgun."

A HINT TO WISE WOMEN.

Don't suffer torture when all female troubles will vanish in this air after using "Femenia." Price 50c and \$1.00.—Adv.

Succinct.

When the big shop of a Lancashire merchant was burned, and while he stood by the pile of ashes, vainly seeking to conjure a good phoenix therefrom, he was handed this message from his family in London: "Telegraph particulars of fire in shop."

Seizing a pencil, he wrote: "No particulars. No shop."

ITCHING, BURNING SCALPS

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Cuticura Soap to cleanse the scalp of dandruff crustings and scallings, and Cuticura Ointment to soothe and heal itching and irritations. Nothing better, surer or more economical than these super-creamy emollients for hair and scalp troubles of young or old.

Free sample each by mail with Book, Address postcard, Cuticura, Dept. L, Boston. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

Maybe.

"Reforms are being carried on everywhere just now."

"Yes, and after we have reformed some of our reforms we will probably have matters in pretty good shape again."

BABIES AND GROWING CHILDREN need a tonic to tone up the system and regulate the liver. Mothers are constantly using with wonderful success, our "Plantation" Chill and Fever Tonic. Pleasant to take—contains no Calomel. Price 50c.—Adv.

The Little Matter.

A certain captain of industry, complimented on an immense war contract, said in New York:

"One beauty about these contracts is their strict honesty. There are no palms to grease."

"It wasn't always so, in war contracts. In fact, they tell a story about a war contractor who once broke the silence of his club reading room with a dreadful sigh."

"What's the matter?" a brother contractor asked.

"Alas, alas," said the first contractor. "I've just bought five million pairs of shoes at a dollar a pair and sold them to the army for six dollars, and I'm afraid the loss will ruin me."

"Loss? Loss?" said the other contractor. "What are you talking about, man? On five million pairs of shoes, with a five-dollar profit, how can there be a loss?"

"My dear fellow," said the first contractor, sadly, "you forget the little matter of commissions."—Washington Star.

All Gone.

"Blanks doesn't seem to have much snap in him any more."

"No; he used to have so much snap in him that now he's broke."

Fortunate is the girl whose "best fellow" is too proud to fight, drink or gamble.

Tea and Coffee For Children?

These beverages contain drug elements that hinder development of both body and mind, especially in children.

Nowadays, for their children, wise parents choose

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This delicious table beverage, made of cereals, has a wonderfully satisfying flavor—a flavor much like the higher grades of coffee (but without any of coffee's harm.) Postum is a true, pure food-drink that has helped thousands to forget the coffee habit.

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